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EDITORIALS

THOUGHTS ON THE PLIGHT OF THE WORLD

The frantic appeals to the United States from Europe indicate that the world looks to "dollars" for its salvation. Europe faces a tough winter. Food and goods from this country seem to be keeping people alive, and ability to borrow dollars to pay for the food and goods is keeping governments in power. If the loan of dollars stops and the flow of food and goods ceases, the existing governments will be hard pressed to stay in control.

Left to itself Europe can hardly make it through the coming winter. That is the fact to be faced.

It is hard for us on this side of the Atlantic to understand why this is so. After the last war, we loaned a few million dollars to Europe and the result was fairly quick recovery. Much of the lending was done at other than the government level. Some of the loans were repaid, some partially repaid, others never repaid. Anyway, this time the frantic cry for food, goods and for dollars is on so gigigantic a scale that all comparisons with the post-World War I epoch are out.

We can't do it again like we did before. Why?

The answer may lie in the basic difference in the shape Europe was left in by World Wars I and II.

All wars are terrible, costly tragic nightmares. Two great wars in successive generations are enough to ruin nations or continents. But never in the history of the world has an entire continent been treated as was Europe in World War II. It was a fast, mobile war with vast areas feeling the heel of actual fighting. And the sweeps of the mighty air fleets laid flw the proud cities and industries of every major nation. Civilians suffered probably more than the armed forces personnel. The ability of Europe to produce went up in smoke. Bridges, railroads and highways were leveled. Distribution systems disappeared. Electrical potential vanished. The once mighty economy of a continent collapsed under the sheer weight of bombs. Great factories were reduced to rubble.

Populations were decimated. Vast cities were razed. Families became broken and scattered on a scale beyond human ken. The Four Horsemen of Death, Destruction, Pestilence and Famine become the true rulers.

Proud spirits were crushed, too. For long month after long month, millions endured in holes under the ground, lost from loved ones and existing in a nightmare of fire, dusty rubble and weird noises. But keyed up by shock they kept on somehow in the pressure of great danger. When at long last, peace came, they fell back, physically, mentally and spiritually exhausted.

Surely that is true, and should be understood even at this distance.

Europe simply could not swing back into production! The continent was and is exhausted!

People can endure but so much.

It may be a decade ere Europe will be on its feet in producing its food and clothing. It will be several decades before it can be rebuilt.

All of the above has been said and written many times, but it will have to be repeated again and again and again.

Two thoughts come to mind.

First, we have certain obligations. We have the food, the goods and the dollars. Our productive capacity, on the farms, in the mines, in the shops and factories, actually increased during the war years. We can produce MORE than we could before the war. Europe was a buffer continent to save us. Millions of brave Europeans died and millions more lost all they had, and an indirect result was to bring US the greatest BOOM the world has ever known!

Secondly, if we fail to help our fellow humans in Europe survive we may be opening the door for the same thing to happen to us next time. World War III could begin with the destruction of New York, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Norfolk, and Washington. We could be called on to endure what the proud people of Rotterdam, London, Coventry and many hundred others endured! We certainly will not postpone World War III if we permit law and order to collapse this winter in Europe and watch hungry people turn to whatever agitator offers hope.

The voice of humanity tells us our duty, and the voice of selfishness tells us the same thing, too. An America hellbent on making money is a blind America not even protecting its own self interest.

From our quiet and safe desk, we view all this and wonder not if the job will be done, but how it will be done. It is unthinkable that we could neglect our duty.

As a vital step toward doing the job, we would like to see a new call issued to the nations to re-assemble and strengthen the organization of the United Nations. The charter itself needs to be re-written so as to be made stronger. No vetoes. No wars or fighting. The world needs a UNO strong enough to force the writing of the peace . . . to force disarmament and to force the rebirth of the ability of nations to feed, clothe and house themselves.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The heading asks a question to which we do not know the answer! What is the meaning of the talk that Senator Harry F. Byrd will not be a candidate for the Senate when his present term expires some five years hence?

Senator Byrd, as we understand it, did not say point blank that he would not run again; but rather indicated that it was likely that he would not.

We do not understand why such an announcement should be made at this time. Much can happen in five years to cause Senator Byrd to reconsider, and there is no point to opening the old now to potential candidates five years hence.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

SILENCE FOR SALE

New York Herald-Tribune

Poets and lovers have long claimed that silence is golden but it has remained for a Kentucky radio station to give tangible proof of this to us less inspired and more commercial members of mankind. WKYW in Louisville not only sells its airtime to sponsors, as does any other radio station, but when it is not on the air it sells its 11 hours of silence to a mattress company.

POLITICAL DIFFERENCE

(Brantley, Ga., Enterprise)

A friend recently asked me why I write what I believe in my editorials. In substance, he said, "Why do you, when you are getting along pretty well, break out with some editorial opinion or some attack on something and make a lot of people mad at you." My reply was to the effect that as an editor of a small newspaper, which is a public trust, I feel responsible to the public to write the truth as I see it. Also, that I never have any personal animosity in any editorial opinion, that I invite anyone with differing opinion, to write his views for publication in my paper.

Some people seem to get the idea that if you differ with them about some important matter then you are "mad" at them. But some of the people I love the most I differ with very radically. One of the signs of smallness in anyone is to get "mad" about some difference of opinion concerning politics, religion or what-have-you.

One of Lincoln's generals said Lincoln was a dam phool. When Lincoln heard it, he said, "Then I must be what he said I am, because I have great confidence in his opinion." Not many of us can be as big as Lincoln in our tolerance for the opinions of others, but we can make an effort to remember that frankness in expressing opinions does not mean animosity or personal dislike.

Britain returns Jews to Germany

Piedmont League in midst of annual playoff series.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

SHINE 'EM UP!

Anybody can shine up shoes with shoe polish, but only you teens know how to do your own shoe repairing with nail polish. Corner bootblacks, please note:



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HEAT RAVE

When I return to school in the fall,
On none of my subjects will I stall;
To all my teachers I'll be polite
And finish my home work every night.
I'll waste no time on the telephone.
And on week-day nights when I'm alone
The only dates for which I shall look
Will be the dates in my History Book.
I'll wrestle long with verb and with fraction,
And, I'll have no Radio for distraction.
Oh, what am I saying? What could be wrong? —
I guess I've sat in the sun too long!

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Flower Show

It's not too late to put on a flower show when you wear your sheer summer blouses and dirndl skirts. The calendar may say the fall is near, but the thermometer is still up in the air. You'll be one last rose of summer who won't be left blooming alone.

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TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Keep posted on what the college girls are buying these days, and you'll know what to ask for when you start raiding the high school shop for your fall wardrobe. Of course, there are some teen fashions that are strictly your own, but most of them stem from college campuses.

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY
Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

MILITARY DICTIONARY

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I want to chide schoolteachers a little today (but in a friendly manner, as Halsey would say) by again pointing out the improper telescoping of such words as secretary, dictionary, military, cemetery, et cetera. Many teachers whom I have talked to have adopted the British manner of saying such words as "secret-ry, diction'ry, milit'ry, cemet'ry," believing such pronunciations to be somehow more "cultivated" than the customary and traditional American pronunciation in which all four syllables are distinctly pronounced.

The truth is, such unlovely locutions as "secret'ry, diction'ry" are British corruptions of very recent origin, and are not sanctioned by British authorities.

Here is evidence that the British manner of smothering the -ary words has come about only in recent years. Here are three lines of identical meter. They are from the works, respectively, of three English writers: Shakespeare (1564-1616), Wordsworth (1770-1850), and Tennyson (1809-1892):

Nor customary suits of solemn black.

—*—

Above the reach of ordinary men.

—*—

I found it all a visionary flame.

—*—

Surely, no one with an ear for good English would recite these lines with the decadent pronunciations "custom'ry, ordin'ry, vision-ry." Nor would anyone even attempt to telescope such -ary words as temporary, sanguinary, dignitary, functionary, February, January, arbitrary, sanctuary, solitary.

Best American usage and the accepted American dictionaries give such words four distinct syllables with a secondary accent on the third syllable, thus: DIK'shun-AIR-ee, MILL'I-TAIR-ee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Cultivating Good Will

LESSON TEXT FOR SEPTEMBER 14—Proverbs 3:30, 31; 15:1, 18; 22:24, 25; 25:15, 21, 22; 26:20, 21; Matthew 5:9; James 3:17.

MEMORY SELECTION—Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.—Matthew 5:9.

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IT IS true that the Christian life is given offense on occasion. When a controversy exists between men and God, the Christian has no other course of action than to align himself on God's side. As he takes his stand in such cases, he should do it in love, but nevertheless with firmness.

The Bible nowhere commends a critical spirit or a perverse attitude. It rather emphasizes the necessity of firmness in the course of right, a firmness that loses nothing of its intensity through being tempered in the fires of love.

The Christian beyond all others should give himself to a life manifesting sympathy, kindness and charitableness. Thus he will open avenues of opportunity, of witness, and of service in which the Lord may be greatly magnified.

I. Contributing Factors to the Marring of Good Will (Prov. 3:30, 31; 22:24, 25; 25:15, 18, 20, 21).

VARIANCE and strife mar good will (Prov. 3:30, 31). Notice that this strife is unoccasioned. When we strive with men to no purpose; when men have not harmed us, and with bitterness of spirit we turn upon them, we of course forfeit every opportunity to influence them for good.

The man of variance similarly should be passed by. We are not to emulate him; we are not to envy him; we are to choose none of his ways.

A wrathful spirit also mars good will (Prov. 22:24, 25). A man of anger is not to be followed by the child of God. This passage enjoins us to have no friendship with such that we shall learn their ways and their ways will then be a snare to our souls.

Another way in which we mar good will is to be the purveyor of untruth (Prov. 25:18). The false witness is characterized as a large hammer or a sword or a sharp arrow, for he wounds his neighbor, often grievously.

The man or the woman who in gossip has maliciously wounded another loses all opportunity to influence him for God. The cultivation of good will involves the speaking of truth.

Let us with all diligence, with the help of God, banish from our hearts and minds all of these attitudes which hurt and mar.

II. Contributing Factors to the Making of Good Will.

IN THE first place, the soft answer of the controlled spirit will establish good will (Prov. 15:1, 18). The soft answer does turn away wrath. The man who is slow to anger appeases strife.

Let us not confuse a soft answer with an unconvincing one, or with that mealy-mouthed procedure that we commonly call double talk. Happy is that man who knows how to present the truth convincingly, who can make men, despite his opposing standards, understand that he has their good at heart. Of course, there is one absolute requisite to such a testimony, and that is a life wholly lived for God.

Another factor in making good will is the act of kindness (Prov. 25:21, 22). This passage, you will remember, is quoted in Romans 12. Here is the opportunity for us, in all matters of personal injury, to place our case in the hands of God rather than to seek revenge. By such acts of kindness, as we trust God, we shall be obeying the Lord; and who knows but that our enemies may thus be turned to him.

A third contributing factor in making good will is that of making peace (Matt. 5:9). So often this business of attempting to make peace is a thankless task, but the thanklessness is only from human sources. So far as God is concerned, he has placed his seal of approval upon every child of his who seeks to lead men into peace with God and to make peace between men.

God speaks of them as being "called" sons of God. It is one thing to be a son of God; it is another thing to be acknowledged as a son of God.

III. The Source of Good Will (James 3:17).

THAT wisdom will be characterized by purity, peaceableness, gentleness, approachableness, mercy, and will be without partiality and without hypocrisy. This wisdom which is from above is guaranteed to those who know him who has been made unto us wisdom (I Cor. 1:30).

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By FRANK COLBY
Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

QUESTION BOX

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Worcester: This may be out of line, but perhaps you can explain something for me. Last summer we visited Monterrey, Mexico. Every room in the Ancira the water closet marked "C" gave hot water and the one labeled "H" gave cold water. Other visitors to Mexico have noticed the same thing. Do you know the reason?—M. W.

Answer: Stringely enough, your question has to do with words. Marking of the faucets in certain Mexican hotels came about thus: Many lavatories, bathtubs, etc., installed in Mexican hotels and homes, were purchased from American manufacturers. In Spanish the word for hot is "caliente"; the word for cold is "frio." Native plumbers, therefore, could make nothing out of the letter "h." But "c," to them, certainly stood for caliente. Therefore, with exquisite logic, the caliente water pipes were connected to the "c" faucets and the "h" was dismissed as some curious norte-americano word meaning "frio."

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Los Angeles: In two mysteries, one uses "clew" and the other uses "clue." Which is correct?—S. S.

Answer: Either "clew" or "clue" is correct. They are the same word.

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Leaders debate necessity for calling a special session of congress to deal with European emergency.

Russia outlines her plan for makeup of UN armed force.

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Richwood

Richwood, Sept. 9.- The Southside Electric Corp. is now installing the transformers in this area. The meters will follow and the products for electricity in the near future is good.

J. M. Clapp, of Richmond, rejoined his wife for the week-end at her parents home, where she has been vacationing. They returned to Richmond Sunday evening.

The Rev. C. G. Carter, pastor of Central Baptist Church, and Walter Lee called on G. P. Brannan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cordell were guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Guinn, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Martin and family, of Hixburg, played hosts at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and J. Lloyd Lewis.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Carter were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Thomas and family, who recently purchased the Edward Mann farm, have moved into their new home. Welcome to Richwood!

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Wright and children, of Lindham Heights, Lynchburg, were guests of G. P. Brannan Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. S. D. Crider, who has been living on the Watt Place for the past year and a half, has moved to and established her home in Spout Spring.

Master Dillard Field and Mrs. Martha Church, who have been vacationing with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cordell, have returned to their homes in Elizabethian, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughters, Virginia and Marvis were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Pugh and family.

New compromise government is formed in Greece.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Sept. 9.- Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. LeGrand on Sunday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dalton, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. LeGrand recently.

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